



CITY OF BELMONT

City Councilmember Agenda Item 9

FROM: Christine Wozniak

RE: Investigate 1) "Legalizing" skateboarding in Belmont and 2) Building a Skate Park in Belmont

City Councilmembers:

Description of Issue/Request

Currently, there is virtually no place for kids to Skate in Belmont. While skate boarding is growing as a sport (as witnessed by the blossoming of Skate Parks, Skating Stores, and Skating brands--for both boys and girls), we have no safe and legal place for kids to Skate in Belmont.

Approximately how much staff involvement will this item take?

It would take about 20 hours of staff time to investigate making skate boarding legal in Belmont. A Skate Park would take longer to investigate, plan, and implement.

Financial Implications?

Item 1 would have little financial impact (staff and council time). Item 2 would cost \$500,000 + depending on the location, configuration, and size. We could get private (many Belmont Parents are interested in getting a safe place to skate for their kids) and commercial support (major skating brands) and funding.

On the positive side, having a Skate Park in town would attract retail businesses that cater to Skate Boarders and Snow Boarders.

How time sensitive is this issue?

Very. More and more kids are skate boarding every day. Many people in other cities use skateboards to get to work and do their shopping.

General Plan/Vision Statement

- We put a priority on getting out of, into, and through town efficiently.
- Bicyclists, walkers, and other non-drivers get where they're going easily and safely.
- We require safe residential streets and smooth-flowing thoroughfares.
- Belmont is a wonderfully safe and **supportive** place to raise a family.
- Our playgrounds and athletic fields are of high quality and in high gear.